

St. James

June 2, 1864

My dear friends,

I have just received your letter of the 28th inst. and am glad to hear from you. I am well and hope these few lines will find you the same.

I have been thinking for some time to write you and to send you some of the books I have been reading. I have been reading a great deal of history and biography lately and have been particularly interested in the life of George Washington. I have also been reading a great deal of poetry and have been particularly interested in the poetry of Wordsworth and Coleridge. I have also been reading a great deal of fiction and have been particularly interested in the fiction of Dickens and Trollope.

I have also been reading a great deal of philosophy and have been particularly interested in the philosophy of Kant and Hegel. I have also been reading a great deal of science and have been particularly interested in the science of Darwin and Huxley. I have also been reading a great deal of religion and have been particularly interested in the religion of the Bible and the Church.